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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. WEDNESDAY'S SECOND FULL SESSION OF IBA MEETING (11/6) ADMITTED GHANA, HAITI, AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS IBA MEMBERS (PREVIOUS DAY THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS OBSERVERS), INDIA AND TRINIDAD GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS. INDONESIA INVITED TO OBSERVE BUT DELEGATES NOT RPT NOT YET ARRIVED. GREEK DELEGATION, HOWEVER, NOT RPT NOT ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS TO EXPRESSED CHAGRIN OF REPRESENTATIVES HERE, INCLUDING GREEK GOVT OFFICIAL (D. BOUFIS, COMMERCIAL OFFICER FROM GREEK EMBASSY BRASILIA). SESSION ALSO ADDRESSED QUESTION OF FINANCING OF ORGANIZATION AND DECIDED ON MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS BASED UPON LEVEL OF BAUXITE PRODUCTION, AS WELL AS 1974-75 BUDGET, ACCORDING TO PRESS.

2. THREE STAFF DIRECTORS WERE ALSO APPOINTED YESTERDAY. THEY ARE: DUKE POLLARD (NOW LEGAL COUNSELOR IN GUYANA FONMIN) AS LEGAL ADVISER; DR. GARNETT BROWN (JAMAICAN) AS DIRECTOR OF STATISTICAL RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION; AND MIORDRAG KALUJAROVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) AS DIRECTOR OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. THREE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS WERE ACTUALLY MADE AT KINGSTON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BUT NOT ANNOUNCED UNTIL SECOND DAY OF PLENARY SESSION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING OF 11/6, GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY (GUYBAU) CHAIRMAN PATTERSON THOMPSON TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT NO RPT NO ATTENTION GIVEN YET TO PRICING POLICY, BUT THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED TODAY (11/7). TRIP TO GUYBAU FACILITY AT LINDEN THIS AFTERNOON POSTPONED SO TODAY'S WILL BE FULL SESSION. INDICATIONS JAMAICANS PUSHING FOR UNIVERSAL LEVY SIMILAR TO ITS OWN ON EXPATRIATE BAUXITE FIRMS. AT VERY LEAST JAMAICANS WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR FORMULA. ONE POINT OF INTEREST WHICH DEMONSTRATES IBA POLITICAL THIRD WORLD MOTIVATION RATHER THAN ECONOMIC RATIONALE IS CASE OF GHANA'S FULL MEMBERSHIP SINCE WE UNDERSTAND ACCORDING TO LATEST INFORMATION HERE THAT GHANA IS NET IMPORTER OF BAUXITE, TO SUPPLY ITS ALUMINUM REFINERY. BY THIS STANDARD, ITALY, BRAZIL, AND CERTAINLY FRANCE SHOULD QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP. AT RISK OF REPEATING WHAT IS OBVIOUS, IBA ACTIONS HERE TAKING ON APPEARANCE OF LDC'S VERSUS DC'S WITH AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP TOLERATED BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S ENORMOUS PRODUCTION. CONFIDENTIAL

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MOUS PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY, AND CAIRN'S ASSERTION IT IS VIRTUALLY HONORARY MEMBER OF THIRD WORLD.

4. COMMENT- TODAY'S MEETING, IF PRICING IS SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED, MAY BE FIRST REAL TEST OF COHESIVENESS OF IBA. GIVEN DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION, NO EASY PRICING ARRANGEMENT IS FORESEEABLE. VIEW FROM HERE IS THAT EVEN MOST RADICAL MEMBERS WILL BE LEVELHEADED ENOUGH TO AVOID SACRIFICING

UNITY FOR HASTILY CONCOCTED PRICING POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, WE
EXPECT SOME GENERAL STATEMENT ON PRICING WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW
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